

MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

May 6-7, 2004

McGuire Conference Center
7880 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac

PRESENT FOR THE COMMISSION

Mary Brown
Keith Charters, Chairman
Bob Garner
Jerry Hall
John Madigan

ABSENT FOR THE NRC

William Parfet
Frank Wheatlake

PRESENT FOR STAFF

Rebecca Humphries, Director
George Burgoyne, Resource Management Deputy
Jim Ekdahl, Upper Peninsula Field Deputy
Department Staff

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chairman Charters called the Committee of the Whole meeting of the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to order at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2004. The Committee of the Whole is a working session of the NRC.

WELCOME TO CADILLAC

Ron Blanchard, Mayor of Cadillac, welcomed the NRC and staff to Cadillac and expressed appreciation for the efforts of the NRC and the Natural Resources Trust Fund Board in funding for development projects within the City.

Commissioner Garner noted that it was not far from McGuire where he began his hunting tradition as well as caught his first fish.

Commissioner Garner presented the Commissioners with turkey callers made by a local artist, Jim Reynolds. He also presented the Commissioners present with a spearing decoy also carved and painted by a local artist, Ross Willis. The decoys are modeled after those carved by Oscar Peterson, who died in the 1950s.

Jim Zabo of McBain, presented and demonstrated the history and sport of fish spearing in Cadillac which dates back over 100 years.

CHUCK CONNELL, SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Commissioner Garner recognized **Chuck Connell** for Children's Charters, a non-profit organization run by Mr. Connell and his wife, Joan, in Marion, Michigan. Children's Charters is a mentoring, recruitment and training program for youth and the disabled to allow them the opportunity to participate in various outdoor activities. **Commissioner Garner** said that Mr. Connell is truly a unique individual and presented him with a white pine plaque honoring his activities. Mr. Connell was honored to receive this recognition.

Report of 2003 Deer Harvest

Bill Moritz, Acting Wildlife Division Chief, and **Brian Frawley, Wildlife Division**, reviewed the preliminary estimates of the 2003 deer harvest. The estimate indicates between 490,000 and 500,000 deer were taken, with slightly more antlered than antlerless deer in the harvest.

Deer harvest figures are based on a mail survey of about 50,000 deer hunters. **Mr. Frawley** said 64 percent of the surveys were returned. The 2003 estimate is slightly larger than the 2002 final estimated harvest of 470,000. The state's record deer season harvest occurred in 1998, when nearly 600,000 deer were taken.

Hunter success during the firearm deer season generally comprises around 60 percent of the total annual deer harvest. Archery seasons contribute about 25 percent, muzzleloading about 5 percent, and special antlerless seasons about 10 percent. The total 2003 deer harvest from all seasons ranks among Michigan's top ten deer seasons.

Approximately 780,000 people hunted deer in Michigan in 2003. Total license sales were down slightly comparable to 2002 (1,374,359 compared to 1,392,940).

The harvest in both the Upper Peninsula and the northern Lower Peninsula is estimated to be similar to the 2002 deer harvest. The harvest in southern Lower Michigan was up approximately 8 percent from 2002. Southern Lower Michigan contributed approximately 55 percent of the state's deer harvest.

The final 2003 deer harvest survey report will be available in mid-June.

Commissioner Madigan questioned if weather conditions affected the hunting decline. **Dr. Moritz** noted that, though it is difficult to determine if weather conditions affected the hunting decline, biologists do consider weather conditions to develop quotas when processing data.

Commissioner Garner questioned how many responses were received after polling hunters. **Mr. Frawley** responded that approximately 70-75 percent response rate was received for this last survey. Over the past couple of years, the response rate was approximately 68 percent. Although not 100 percent, the numbers are still very usable. **Dr. Moritz** said it is important to note that the number of responses dictates the quality of the data.

Wolf Track Survey Update

Dr. Moritz reported that approximately 40 wolves have been radio collared in the Upper Peninsula (UP). There are 77 packs with greater than two wolves and a minimum of ????? wolves in the UP. Discussion ensued. **Commissioner Madigan** said the DNR may benefit from providing information on nuisance wolves for use by the public.

The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Chairman Charters called the regular meeting of the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to order at 4:35 p.m.

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PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Cliff Bonn, Lowell
Lenox Bowman, Friends of Wetzel State Park
Jim Campbell, Michigan Trappers Association
Bruce Carlson, Michigan State United Coon Hunters Association
Jeff Deregnacourt, Tree Stand Manufacturers Association
Mel Guntzviller, Michigan Bear Hunters Association
Fritz Heller
Mike Jennett, Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association
Pat Kelly, U.P. Bear Houndsmen
Marion Kenyon, Lake City
Chris Kettler, Michigan Trappers Association
Jim Maturen, Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association
Mark Melchoir, representing animal control groups of Michigan
John Ormsbee, Afton Deer Management Corp., LLC
Rich Porteen, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation
Dan Potter, National Wild Turkey Federation
Greg Schumaker, Michigan Animal Damage Control Association
Mike Seelman, Michigan Trappers Association
Ed Spinazzola, Quality Deer Management Association
Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation
Jim Wale, Milbrook Coon Hunters and Water Wonderland Coon Hunters
Gary White, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation

Rich Porteen, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation, opposes the proposed regulations allowing bobcat trapping in the Lower Peninsula because he fears it will decimate the population and make it difficult for the hunters to harvest a trophy cat. It is much more difficult to hunt bobcat than it is to trap them. He supports a one-cat limit for hunters and supports closing the Lower Peninsula to trapping bobcat. He also believes that it is appropriate to tag harvested cats.

Bruce Carlson, Michigan State United Coon Hunters Association, opposes allowing bobcat trapping in the Lower Peninsula. Due to limited habitat conducive to bobcat lifestyles in the Lower Peninsula, he does not believe the population can sustain trapping. He would agree with a requirement for kill tags or quotas.

Jim Wale, Milbrook Coon Hunters and Water Wonderland Coon Hunters, does not believe the Lower Peninsula can survive a bobcat trapping season. He believes the cat populations could be decimated if trapping is allowed, because it would be easy to get more than one cat in each trap.

Gary White, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation, opposes allowing bobcat trapping in the Lower Peninsula as it would negatively impact the deer population. He also fears that dogs could get caught in traps set for bobcats. Prior to further consideration of initiating a bobcat trapping season, he proposed the following: determine the estimated bobcat population in the northern Lower Peninsula; determine the objective for the establishment of a bobcat season; and study the potential effects on bobcat populations if a trapping season is allowed.

Jeff Deregnaucourt, Tree Stand Manufacturers Association, recommended that the Uniform Hunter Casualty Report form be modified to report tree stand accidents. Currently no mandatory reporting exists. He presented the NRC with a tree stand safety video. He believes the reports would assist in determining the cause of accidents and how they can be safely dealt with through safety measures.

Alan Marble, Law Enforcement Chief, noted that in 1998, the Legislature mandated that tree stand accidents be reported. That year, six fatal accidents and four falls were reported. Many go unreported even if it is mandatory. **Commissioner Garner** reminded Mr. Deregnaucourt that accident reporting is under the jurisdiction of the Legislature and the public needs to approach their Legislator if they want these changes. **Commissioner Brown** noted that it may be worthy of discussion by the NRC. **Commissioner Garner** commended Mr. Deregnaucourt for his efforts to collect food for the needy.

Jim Maturen, Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association, complimented staff for not recommending fall hunting season in hunting areas not open in 2003 and 2004. The 13 counties surrounding the Mio area (Oscoda County) formerly was known as the turkey capitol. Over the years, the turkey population has been reduced. He believes cold wet springs, poor hatches and poor recruitment has been occurring. In 2002, he noticed summer loss of entire broods. Their Chapter purchased 455,000 pounds of corn and distributed this feed to turkeys throughout the northern Lower Peninsula. There are now areas with no wild turkeys where there were some before. **Chairman Charters** suggested that the supplemental feeding ban impact in the winter carried turkeys through the season but there are less turkeys in the area. **Mr. Maturen** said that many members are utilizing deer proof feeders. He said that if the turkeys are hatched and cold weather persists, they will die. Discussion ensued.

Lenox Bowman, Friends of Wetzel State Park, opposed the disposal of any property that is part of W. C. Wetzel State Park and supports the acquisition of any new properties that may enhance the park. Relative to properties that could be deemed excess to DNR's needs, or should be obtained, he commented as follows:

Property West of Omo Road: Could be used an out-lot for maintenance buildings or as a staging area for events held at the park.

Property on the north side of New Haven Road: Could be used as a historical marker and roadside turnout for viewing or a picnic area.

Property on the east side of Omo Road: supports acquiring.

Property on the north side of Werderman Road: supports the acquisition of a portion of this property including the gas line easement.

Chairman Charters recommended that Mr. Bowman contact his Legislator regarding his issues as they are pushing the DNR to sell properties in order to pay taxes on current ownership.

Mike Jennett, Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association and MUCC District 8, requested that sale of property near Wetzel State Park not take place without notice of a local public hearing. Mr. Jennett congratulated Rebecca Humphries for being selected as the next Director of the DNR. Mr. Burgoyne noted that the boundaries review issue has been an ongoing process for quite some time and that all of the meetings have been open for the public to attend.

Mel Guntzviller, Michigan Bear Hunters Association, believes that bobcat populations are declining in both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. He recommended a limit of one bobcat per person per season in the Upper Peninsula, as is in the Lower Peninsula. He also recommended that fur harvesters statewide should be issued a bobcat tag with their license to be affixed to the cat upon harvest. Mr. Guntzviller does not support a bobcat trapping season in the Lower Peninsula.

John Ormsbee, Afton Deer Management Corp, LLC, congratulated Rebecca Humphries on being selected the next DNR Director. He supports the proposed Late Antlerless Firearm Season remaining the same as the previous year. He provided a map of Cheboygan and Presque Isle counties and suggested an alternate snowmobile trail route on the Cheboygan to Gaylord Trail system. He recommended splitting hunting zones from Clare north/Clare south.

Chris Kettler, Michigan Trappers Association, supports regulations that are designed to prevent the capture of deer and wolves requiring snares to be equipped with a relaxing lock and stop to prevent the loop from closing to a diameter less than 2.5 inches or with a breakaway locking system with the breaking point of not greater than 350 pounds. He also requested that winter fox and coyote snaring regulations be posted on the website where they can be downloaded. He expressed support for a required trappers education program. Mr. Kettler thanked the NRC and the Furbearer Work Group for holding meetings that provide for open dialog.

Mike Seelman, Michigan Trappers Association, supports Option 2 of the proposed trapping regulations for the harvest of bobcat. He proposed a system be developed that would identify whether the bobcat take was by hunting or trapping. He recommended that a breakaway device is sufficient for traps and that education is required to reduce the likelihood of capturing deer and wolves in traps. He supports protecting the resource.

Jim Campbell, Michigan Trappers Association, supports Option 2 of the proposed Trapping Regulations. He said that bobcat populations are increasing, and trappers also want an opportunity to get them. He said that bobcat trapping is more difficult than most believe because trappers need to locate their habitat, place the equipment, entice them to step into a very small area, draw their attention, and then keep their attention. Just because there is a trap set does not mean a cat will be trapped. He also mentioned that bobcat trapping in Michigan is different than other states due to the differing habitat. He supports requiring a kill tag for bobcats.

Mark Melchoir, representing animal control groups of Michigan, congratulated Rebecca Humphries on being selected to serve as the next Director of the DNR. He suggested that snaring should be allowed, especially in residential areas, as a tool to control nuisance animals.

Marion Kenyon, Lake City, congratulated Rebecca Humphries on being selected to serve as the next Director of the DNR. Commented on a number of issues including: she is opposed to selling State property; she requested clarification on enforcement issues relative to NRC Orders; and supported a longer turkey season in the Lower Peninsula.

Greg Schumaker, President, Michigan Animal Damage Control Association, thanked the Furbearers Work Group for addressing trapping. He supports Option 2 of the proposed Trapping Regulations.

Commissioner Garner recognized Carl T. Johnson, former Mayor of Cadillac, who was unable to attend the meeting. He noted that Mr. Johnson was instrumental in allowing dogs for bear hunting in Michigan and also has the Carl T. Johnson Center named after him.

Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation, supports building bridges between the trappers and the hunting dog groups. He suggested that if traps are allowed, use a leg-hold trap to ensure the animals are not killed.

Dan Potter, National Wild Turkey Federation, congratulated Rebecca Humphries on being selected to serve as the next Director of the DNR and presented her with a "bed of roses" on behalf of the Federation.

Pat Kelly, U.P. Bear Houndsmen, supports the use of baiting barrels for bear hunting so deer and other animals cannot access the bait. **Commissioner Garner** agreed, but also stated that littering is the problem, and it is not the appropriate time to address this issue. **Mr. Kelly** presented a recommendation on behalf of **Joe Hudson, U.P. Bear Houndsmen**, recommending a one-bobcat limit, require a kill tag be utilized, and does not support the use of snares or conibear traps on dry ground. He believes too many bobcats are being harvested.

Cliff Bonn, Lowell, recommended that antlerless deer hunting in the Baldwin area be stopped for several years to increase the deer population. He also recommended that deer management units in the area be changed.

Fritz Heller supports extending the pheasant season as proposed in the Pheasant Hunting Regulations.

Ed Spinazzola, Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA), read a letter from **Brian Murphy, Executive Director, QDMA**, contending that doe harvest has increased, harvest of buck fawns has decreased, and buck age structure has improved in DMU 118 (Clare). He suggests that there is support for antler restrictions in DMU 118 even though the survey results did not indicate a 66 percent favorable rate. He suggested that removing the mandatory antler restrictions in DMU 118 would be problematic since the QDMA National Convention will be held in Michigan in June. He recommended that, if the decision is to remove antler restrictions in this area, that the "slot limit" approach be utilized where the smallest yearling bucks legal for harvest are bucks that meet one of several more stringent antler restrictions.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2004 and reconvened at 8:40 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 2004.

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Commissioner Garner welcomed everyone to Cadillac. He reviewed the history and mystery of the canal that connects Lakes Cadillac and Mitchell. The canal freezes before the lakes and once the lakes freeze, the canal opens up.

DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORTS

Director Transition

Rebecca Humphries, Director Incumbent, announced that she has appointed **Bill Moritz as Acting Wildlife Division Chief**. **Ms. Humphries** stated that, during the transition of Directors, she will be utilizing the "Director's Office," and will be moving forward with filling vacant

management positions. The position of Resource Deputy will be posted. **George Burgoyne, Resource Management Deputy**, has agreed to remain on staff during that position transition.

Governor's Executive Order 2004-3 (EO 2004-3) – Chronic Wasting Disease

Ms. Humphries noted that HCR 51, opposing EO 2004-3, moved out of Committee. There is concern on the part of producers of moving the regulation and auditing of Captive Cervid farms to the DNR. The issue was not addressed by the full House at the time of the meeting.

UPDATE ON BASS REGULATIONS

Kelley Smith, Chief, Fisheries Division, reported that Fisheries Division works to maximize recreational fishing opportunities, while ensuring the sustainability and quality of sport fish populations, and the ecosystems in which they live. Largemouth and smallmouth bass harvest seasons in Michigan are set by statute. Statutory provisions prohibit fishing for and/or targeting species outside of the open harvest season. Bass angling groups have expressed a desire to extend the fishing season for black bass. As a result, a study of six lakes was conducted by Fisheries Division from 1988-1990 to estimate impacts on bass populations from preseason fishing. Although the study detected no catastrophic effects on bass fisheries or bass recruitment, inadequacies of the study design and lack of resources available for sampling prevented rigorous examination of the effects of early season catch-and-release fishing during the bass nesting season on bass fisheries and recruitment. In 2003 the Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass Regulations Committee (SALBRC) was formed consisting of members from Fisheries Division and Michigan State University. Presentations to the committee were solicited from fisheries scientist from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Ontario studying bass biology and regulations. The committee was charged to evaluate current seasonal bass regulations in Michigan and to determine if seasons could be altered to allow for more recreational bass fishing opportunity, without placing undue risk on the sustainability and quality of bass fisheries and their associated fish populations and aquatic ecosystems. The Committee developed scenarios for fisheries management teams to review. DNR staff will solicit input from the public and the NRC at a future meeting. If changes are supported, a statutory change would be required. At this time there are two definitive opinions – the yeas and the nays.

METALLIC MINERALS WORKGROUPS UPDATE

Mindy Koch reported that the Department of Environmental Quality, Metallic Mineral Mining Workgroup and the Michigan Metallic Mineral Leasing Workgroup met recently in St. Ignace. The Metallic Minerals Leasing Workgroup established a list of issues and established an agenda for addressing the issues. A timeline of 60 days from the date of the meeting was set to bring recommendations to the NRC. Review of the leasing process and recommendation development will occur on May 21. Ms. Koch reported that she chairs the Metallic Minerals Leasing Workgroup and co-chairs the metallic Minerals Mining Regulatory Workgroup.

DEER QUOTAS

Chairman Charters referred the issue of authorization and delegation of deer quotas setting to the NRC Policy Committee on Wildlife Issues for discussion.

APPOINTMENT OF NRC VICE-CHAIR

Chairman Charter appointed **Commissioner Garner** to serve as Vice-Chair of the NRC. **Commissioner Brown made a motion, supported by Commissioner Hall, to support this appointment. Motion unanimously carried.**

Chairman Charters recognized **Representative Dale Sheltrown**.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

HB 5313: School Forest Bill: **Mindy Koch, Chief, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division**, stated that this bill would mandate the DNR to rescind reverter clauses on school and municipal forest conveyances within three years except if the property is within State managed forests or if the property could provide access to a body of water. Under this Legislation, if a school or municipality requests that the reverter clause be rescinded, the DNR would have 90 days in which to do so. Discussion ensued.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 1-2, 2004, NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Garner made a motion, supported by Commissioner Madigan, for approval. Motion unanimously carried.

GIFT OF LAND, ATLANTA FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT – PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY, ROGERS CITY TRAIL, LAND TRANSACTION CASE #20031140

Commissioner Brown made a motion, supported by Commissioner Hall, for approval. Motion unanimously carried.

QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER AMENDMENT NO. 5 OF 2004

Commissioner Garner made a motion, supported by Commissioner Hall, for approval. Motion unanimously carried.

ELK HUNTING SEASON DATES AND MANAGEMENT UNITS, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER AMENDMENT NO. 6 OF 2004

Commissioner Hall made a motion, supported by Commissioner Garner, for approval. Motion unanimously carried.

DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER AMENDMENT NO. 7 OF 2004

This Amendment was held over for further discussion and consideration.

FALL WILD TURKEY MANAGEMENT UNITS, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER AMENDMENT NO. 8 OF 2004

Commissioner Hall made a motion, supported by Commissioner Garner, for approval. Motion unanimously carried.

QUAIL SEASON CLOSING DATE, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER AMENDMENT NO. 9 OF 2004

Commissioner Garner made a motion, supported by Commissioner Madigan, for approval. Motion unanimously carried.

DECEMBER PHEASANT SEASON, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER AMENDMENT NO. 10 OF 2004

Commissioner Hall made a motion, supported by **Commissioner Garner**, for approval of the staff recommendation with the following change: moving the northernmost boundary to M-20 instead of M-46, retaining the other boundaries as proposed. Motion unanimously carried.

DIRECTOR ACTION ITEMS

George Burgoyne, Resource Management Deputy, will sign all Director's Action Items on behalf of Director Cool with MODIFICATIONS to the State Recreation Areas Boundaries for Wetzel State Recreation Area and Bald Mountain State Recreation Area. These modifications resulted from discussion on these areas. Mr. Burgoyne stated that the boundaries are only developed for purposes of discussion and that no parcels have been deemed surplus at this time. **Commissioner Hall** noted that he is not in favor of selling any land within the Brighton Recreation Area.

The NRC and Mr. Burgoyne thanked staff for their diligence and work in developing the boundary proposals.

Governor's Executive Order – Chronic Wasting Disease

State Representative Sheltrown commented that **Commissioner Garner**, **Rebecca Humphries** and **Sam Washington**, Executive Director for MUCC, among others, testified before the House Standing Committee on Agriculture and Resource Management relative to Executive Order 2004-3, Chronic Wasting Disease. He appreciated the testimonies. The Committee, however, voted in favor of overturning the Executive Order and it was forwarded to the full House. **Commissioner Garner** thanked **Representative Sheltrown** for his support on this issue and for his focus on the good of the hunters of the State.

DIRECTOR'S ACTION ITEMS (continued)

Commissioner Madigan commended staff for their land transactions for UP habitat development.

Commissioner Brown addressed Land Transaction #20031141, a conveyance in Kalamazoo. She questioned why there was a reverter clause on this property since it is not property of any value to the State if reverted back. **David Freed, Chief, Office of Land and Facilities**, responded that reverter clauses are put on public use deeds to ensure the property is utilized as intended when conveyed. Discussion ensued and staff will review the reverter clause issue further, specifically in this case.

NRC POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MEETING REPORT

Commissioner Hall reported that a meeting of the NRC Policy Committee on Finance and Administration was held on April, 30, 2004, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing. **Commissioners Parfet and Wheatlake** were present for the Committee. **Commissioner Hall** also attended. Discussion items included: Update on Investments; Proposed Camping Fee Increase; Funds Review; Budget Update; and Revenue Enhancements and Restricted Funds Protection. Discussion was held relative to developing a foundation to be utilized for DNR programs. Complete minutes of this meeting will be provided once approved.

Michigan State Parks and Recreation Bureau: Proposed Camping Fees

Commissioner Hall stated that staff did an excellent job on park improvements and amenities while utilizing the Clean Michigan Initiative monies. Proposed camping fees will increase revenue by \$3 million. The Committee approved the proposed camping fees increase and recommended NRC concurrence. **The NRC concurred with the increase.**

NRC POLICY COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE ISSUES MEETING REPORT

Commissioner Garner reported that the NRC Policy Committee on Wildlife Issues met Thursday, May 6, 2004, at 1:15 p.m. at McGuire's Conference Center, Cadillac. Agenda Items included: Proposed Wildlife Regulation; and Black Bear Genetics Study. **Commissioners Garner and Hall** were present for the Committee. **Commissioners Brown, Charters and Madigan** were also present.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Garner testified at the Legislative Committee meetings relative to the Governor's Executive Order on Chronic Wasting Disease; attended the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board meeting (of which he is a member); attended various other meetings; and received several phone calls and correspondence related to DNR issues.

Commissioner Hall visited the Island Lake Shooting Range during construction of the sound reducing shed prototypes; and received several phone calls and correspondence regarding DNR issues.

Commissioner Madigan said the fishing season is open in the UP; will conduct a UP Habitat Workgroup meeting in Marquette on May 8, 2004; and received several phone calls and correspondence relative to DNR issues.

Commissioner Brown thanked the NRC and staff for cards and calls of well-wishes; and noted that Peg Bostwick of the Department of Environmental Quality was named one of six outstanding individuals in the nation for excellence in wetlands protection and conservation.

Chairman Charters thanked Commissioner Brown for conferencing in for the entire day while Director's Interviews were being conducted. He thanked Mr. Burgoyne and staff for their efforts and hard work in developing the land review proposals, and thanked **Commissioner Garner** for hosting this meeting. **Chairman Charters** also attended other various meetings and received several phone calls and correspondence relative to DNR matters.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.